DX LISTENING DIGEST 4-046, March 12, 2004
edited by Glenn Hauser, http://www.worldofradio.com

Items from DXLD may be reproduced and re-reproduced only if full credit be maintained at all stages and we be provided exchange copies. DXLD may not be reposted in its entirety without permission.

Materials taken from Arctic or originating from Olle Alm and not having a commercial copyright are exempt from all restrictions of noncommercial, noncopyrighted reusage except for full credits

For restrixions and searchable 2004 contents archive see
http://www.worldofradio.com/dxldmid.html

NOTE: If you are a regular reader of DXLD, and a source of DX news but have not been sending it directly to us, please consider yourself obligated to do so. Thanks, Glenn

NEXT AIRINGS OF WORLD OF RADIO 1223:
Sat 0900 on WRN1 to Europe, Africa, Asia, Australasia, webcast
Sat 0955 on WNQM, Nashville, 1300
Sat 1130 on WWCR 5070
Sat 1930 on WPKN Bridgeport, 89.5, webcast http://www.wpkn.org
Sat 2130 on WWCR 12160
Sat 2130 on WBCQ 17495-CUSB
Sat 2200 on DKOS usually, http://www.live365.com/stations/steve_cole
Sun 0030 on WBCQ 9330-CLSB [ex-0130!]
Sun 0330 on WWCR 5070
Sun 0730 on WWCR 3210
Sun 1100 on WRN1 to North America, webcast; also KSFC 91.9 Spokane WA, and WDWN 89.1 Auburn NY; maybe KTRU 91.7 Houston TX, each with webcasts
Sun 2000 on Studio X, Momigno, Italy 1584
Sun 2100 on RNI webcast, http://www.11L-rni.com
Sun 2330 on WBCQ 9330-CLSB [NEW]
Mon 0430 on WSUI 910, webcast http://wsui.uiowa.edu [last week`s 1222]
Mon 0515 on WBCQ 7415, webcast http://wbcq.us
Tue 0400 on SIUE Web Radio http://www.siue.edu/WEBRADIO/
Wed 1030 on WWCR 9475

WRN ONDEMAND:
http://new.wrn.org/listeners/stations/station.php?StationID=24
OUR ONDEMAND AUDIO [also for CONTINENT OF MEDIA, MUNDO RADIAL]:
Check http://www.worldofradio.com/audiomid.html
WORLD OF RADIO 1223 (high version):
(stream) http://www.w4uvh.net/wor1223h.ram
(download) http://www.w4uvh.net/wor1223h.rm
(summary) http://www.worldofradio.com/wor1223.html

WORLD OF RADIO 1223 (low version):
(stream) http://www.w4uvh.net/wor1223.ram
(download) http://www.w4uvh.net/wor1223.rm

WORLD OF RADIO ON RFPI WEBCAST [extracted from full schedule below]: Thu 2000; Fri 0000, 0400, 0800, 1200, 1600; Sat 2130, 2300; Sun 0530, 0700, 1330, 1500, 2130, 2300, Mon 0530, 0700, 1330, 1500. Subject to change and times quite approximate. See http://www.rfpi.org or direct QuickTime link is: rtsp://qt.streamreal.org/live/rfpi

** ALASKA. Frequency change for KNLS New Life Station in English: 1300-1400 NF 9655*, ex 9780 ||| *totally blocked by DW DRM txion in English (Observer, Bulgaria, March 12, via DXLD)

** ALBANIA. China Radio International via MW in Fllake 3 x 500 kW:

1214.8#	1600-1700	in Albanian
	1700-1800	in Esperanto
	1800-1900	in Romanian
1394.8	0700-0900	in English ||| no signal here in Bulgaria
1458.0*	1700-1800	in Bulgarian
	1800-1900	in Italian
	2000-2100	in Hungarian
	2130-2230	in Polish
	2230-2330	in Czech

#co-ch Voice of Russia in German on nominal 1215.0
*co-ch Radio Romania Programma Satelor in Romanian
(Observer, Bulgaria, March 12, via DXLD)

** ALGERIA. 981 kHz, 2200 UT, Must be RTA 2 (Algeria) in Tamazight, Libyan minority language. Nice reception. Certainly it was not Radio Varna, regularly heard on this frequency 981 kHz. March 10. 73¥s (Jouko Huuskonen, Turku, FINLAND, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** AUSTRALIA. Possible report of reception of your station

Dear Mr. Dale Chesson:

I am a shortwave radio enthusiast, living in San JosÈ, California, about sixty km south of San Francisco. I think it may be possible that I have picked up ARDS Darwin from your Humpty Doo transmitter site, but other more experienced persons who have received my tentative notification have been doubtful.

Could you let me know if your programming MIGHT correspond to what I have heard?

I do not ask for QSL cards or confirmations -- ever -- so this is the only exception to that in more than the last forty years of listening

to radio! I need nothing by post or in writing; just an email will suffice to satisfy my curiosity.

On the morning of March 6, 2004, I observed that I was getting much better propagation than normal from SE asia in the 120 and 90 meter bands. I was picking up what sounded like identical feeds, possibly in English, on ABC Northern Territory stations at 2310, 2325, and 2485 kilohertz. I have picked up these stations many times. Recently there has been a discussion of your ARDS Darwin station on the Internet in a number of shortwave websites and discussion lists, notably "DX Listening Guide," [sic] edited by Mr. Glenn Hauser of Oklahoma, USA. So I tuned down to 5050 and thought it to be very likely that I was hearing the same faint male speaking voice as I could hear when switching immediately back to each of the ABC NT stations mentioned; the same cadences, voice pitch, and language -- which was received with poor intelligibility but seemed to have a snatch or two of an English word now and then. But I did not hear enough of that to determine if the entire transmission was in English, or if it was in a vernacular language with some English words.

The time I thought I picked up your signal on 5050 was around 0946 UTC on 3-6-04. I also hear two other stations on that frequency, more regularly at other times: a religious broadcaster in the US, and Guangxi in China. Checking back about two hours later with a small portable Sony 7600 radio I use in my bedroom, with a short wire as an aerial, I did hear Guangxi very clearly on 5050, but no trace of anything else.

Since I have a very sensitive shortwave set -- an Icom R-75, which is rated at about 0.15 microvolts sensitivity in SSB/exalted carrier mode -- and a very large dipole antenna of 107 meters total length, and normally receive dozens of stations from Australia, PNG, New Zealand, and Indonesia (including the weak signal of RRI Wamena in Indonesia, which has only 300 watts of power, I thought that it was physically possible, propagation permitting, for me to hear your signal, which is -- I understand -- transmitted at 400 watts power.

The skeptics who aren't convinced by my report point out that (1) I did not hear a station ID; and (2) that your station isn't supposedly affiliated with the ABC NT programming, and that a simulcasting might not be likely. The American gospel station was not on the air at 5050 at the time, so since I could readily tell the difference between the Chinese language programming and music of Guangxi, and other differing material, I felt it reasonable to conclude that I might have received your signal.

Any suggestions about this, one way or the other, would be most appreciated.

Yours sincerely, Stephen R. Waldee (retired radio station chief engineer) San Jose, California
website for shortwave listeners:
http://home.earthlink.net/~srw-swling/ (via DXLD) Later:

Glenn: No answer yet from the manager of ARDS Darwin to my email of inquiry. Tonight I calculated exactly when the station would be in the grayline zone, maximizing chances to hear it, and tuned in two hours earlier, monitoring frequently until after 1000 Z.

No signal was heard at all before midnight local time, 0800, but between 0900 and 1000 I began to suspect a signal. At first I could hear random fragments of syllables being spoken, probably by a male voice; then I thought perhaps music was being played. I looked at the latest EiBi schedule and found that only Tanzania and Darwin would be on the air at that time; but ILGRadio said only Darwin.

So I tuned to Tanzania's other frequency, 7280, and listened closely. All I could hear was Voice of Strait 2, Fozhou, in a Chinese dialect; I programmed my Icom memories to switch instantly between 5050 and 7280, and alternated many times. There was no doubt in my mind that I was hearing a different program. But the question remains: was Tanzania on the air (EiBi) or not (ILG)? I believe it was not on the air; but if ILG was wrong, it should be pointed out that the path to Tanzania would be in daylight, while Darwin was entering full sunset.

At a few minutes before 1000 I could hear a definite snatch of music on 5050, which was indistinct but might have been a flute-like or wind instrument playing a few long-held notes in a strange, meandering melody. However, as I continued to push the memory buttons to switch back to 7280, I became aware that now there was Chinese on *both* 5050 and 7280; and Guangxi had obviously signed on at 1000, covering up the fainter signal at 5050.

So I continue to receive faint wisps of something at 5050 that is NOT Guangxi, and to be able to discriminate between the two when Guangxi is not predominating.

There is no website for R. Tanzania to check the latest schedules directly; various links talk about the station and give addresses, but I can find no official site.

I also fired up my Grundig FR-200 and as I listened to 5050's faint signal I tuned the local BC band to make sure I was not hearing anything related to a local bay area station, either a harmonic or a spur/crossmod product. Nothing correlated.

I changed antennas several times and definitely heard a greater amount of the faint trace of signal with my new dipole, resonant in the 40M band, compared to my loop or my larger dipole, resonant in the BC band (both antennas use the same BC band HP filter ahead of the Icom input.) The 40M dipole has lobes directed E-W. The longer dipole is oriented a bit counter-clockwise from that. But there should be nothing terribly significant about this since neither is receiving 5050 in resonance or at a resonant harmonic; the secondary lobes are unpredictable. The only thing I can conclude is that there was a difference of radiation angle or direction as far as the two antennas were concerned. The horizontal loop was noisier, with poorer S/N ratio, by a factor of only a few dB, just enough to cover the signal -- which is at the absolute antenna noise threshold here.

I will need to keep checking this, and correlating it with the reception of nearby stations in the Northern Territory. This morning was not an especially good one; VL8K Katherine, at 2485, was barely audible and *much* fainter than the previous night when reception was clear, and when I thought I really had nabbed Darwin (before the doubts started to nag me, after cooler heads such as yours dampened my enthusiasm a bit!)

If, one day, I *can* report something convincing about getting ARDS Darwin, I am holding in reserve some comments about its transmission site, Humpty Doo. I did a bit of research about this place yesterday, and found many amusing things to relate: when appropriate and relevant. Best, (Steve Waldee - retired radio CE, San Jose, CA, March 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Once again, I would not consider Tanzania even a remote possibility to make it from the blazing East African noon to California on 5 MHz (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** BELGIUM [and non]. BELGIUM: RVi A04 schedule

UTC	Lang.	kHz	Target area	Xmtr site	Beam
0400-0430	EG	9590	Americas	Bonaire	320
0430-0500	DT	9590	Americas	Bonaire	320
0500-0530	DT	15195	Europe	Krasnodar	284
		9590	SE Europe	Julich	115
		9925	C. Africa	Meyerton	355
0530-0600	DT	15195	Europe	Krasnodar	284
		9925	SE Europe	Julich	115
0600-0700	DT	15195	Europe	Krasnodar	284
		9590	SE Europe	Julich	115
0700-0730	EG	5985	Europe	Julich	ND
0700-0800	DT	15195	Europe	Krasnodar	284

		9590	SW Europe	Skelton	180
1000-1100	DT(Sun)	21630	C. Africa	Meyerton	355
1100-1130	DT	15195	SW Europe	Rampisham	168
		15450	Europe	Moscow	248
		21630	C. Africa	Meyerton	355
1130-1200	EG	9940	Asia/AUS	Irkutsk	155
1200-1230	DT	9940	Asia/AUS	Irkutsk	155
		17695	Asia/AUS	Tashkent	131
1300-1600	DT(Sun)	15195	Europe	Moscow	248
		15160	SW Europe	Rampisham	168
1700-1800	DT	13690	SW Europe	Skelton	180
1700-1715	FR	9925	Europe	Moscow	248
1715-1730	GM	9925	Europe	Moscow	248
1730-1800	EG	9925	Europe	Moscow	248
		11640	SE Eur/Mideast	Julich	130
1800-1900	DT	9925	Europe	Moscow	248
		13690	SW Europe	Skelton	180
		11640	SE Eur/Mideast	Julich	130
		15325	C+S Africa	Dhabayya	230
1800-2000	DT(Sat)	5910	Europe	Julich	ND
1900-1915	GM	9925	Europe	Moscow	248
1915-1930	FR	9925	Europe	Moscow	248
1930-2000	EG	9925	Europe	Moscow	248
2000-2100	DT	9925	Europe	Moscow	248
		9940	SW Europe	Skelton	180
2200-2230	EG	11635	Americas	Bonaire	350
2230-2300	DT	11635	Americas	Bonaire	350

(Provided by Frans Vossen, attending the Winter SWL Festival in Kulpsville, PA via Joe Hanlon in NJ, USA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Another version, via Alokesh Gupta, DISAGREES about what Bonaire frequency will be used at 0400! -- it says {11635}. I haven`t cross-checked the rest, but withhold it for the time being. Which will it be? Tentative schedules originally from different dates? (gh)

** CHINA [non]. See ALBANIA, more on MW relays

** COCOS ISLANDS. AUSTRALIA: IMPROVED COMMUNITY RADIO SERVICE IN COCOS ISLANDS | Text of press release by Australian Broadcasting Authority web site on 10 March

The ABA [Australian Broadcasting Authority] has decided to make additional FM channel capacity available for the community radio service operating in the Cocos Islands. It is planned that the additional FM channel will operate on 102.7 MHz from the home island of the Cocos Islands.

The ABA's decision is contained in its variation to the licence area plan for Remote Western Australia radio, released today.

"The ABA has taken into account the views of those who made submissions before making its decision.

The additional channel capacity will allow the community radio service to provide better coverage to listeners on the Cocos Islands," said Professor David Flint, ABA Chair.

The ABA determined the Remote Western Australia radio licence area plan in August 1996.

In determining the licence area plan, the ABA made channel capacity available for a community radio service to operate on 96.0 MHz at Cocos Islands from the West Island.

Voice of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands Inc has been operating on 96.0 MHz under a temporary community broadcasting licence since September 2002.

Voice of the Cocos (Keeling) Islands requested another frequency to be able to adequately serve both the West and Home Islands. The two islands are far apart and it would be difficult to serve both islands with one transmitter. Source: Australian Broadcasting Authority web site in English 10 Mar 04 (via BBCM via DXLD)

** COSTA RICA. New RFPI Webcast schedule! [tentative and subject to change; approximate]

MONDAY-FRIDAY 4-hour cycles starting at 1800 UT; times after 0000 are next UT day

1800	2200	0200	0600	1000	1400	M-F/T-S	DEMOCRACY NOW
1900	2300	0300	0700	1100	1500	M-F/T-S	FREE SPEECH RADIO NEWS
1930	2330	0330	0730	1130	1530	Mon-Tue	GLOBAL COMMUNITY FORUM
						Tue-Wed	WINGS
						Wed-Thu	HONORING MOTHER EARTH
						Thu-Fri	MAKING CONTACT
						Fri-Sat	ALTERNATIVE RADIO (60 min)
2000	0000	0400	0800	1200	1600	Mon-Tue	DISABILITY RADIO
						Tue-Wed	BETWEEN THE LINES
						Wed-Thu	COUNTERSPIN
						Thu-Fri	WORLD OF RADIO
2030	0030	0430	0830	1230	1630	Mon-Tue	TUC RADIO
						Tue-Wed	PEOPLES TRIBUNE RADIO
						Wed-Thu	ALTERNATIVE RADIO (60 min)
						Thu-Fri	GLOBAL COMMUNITY FORUM

```
                              Fri-Sat PROGRESSIVE RADIO
2100 0100 0500 0900 1300 1700 Mon-Tue COUNTERSPIN
                              Tue-Wed MAKING CONTACT
                              Thu-Fri DISABILITY RADIO
                              Fri-Sat TUC RADIO
2130 0130 0530 0930 1330 1730 Mon-Tue STEPPIN OUTTA BABYLON
                              Tue-Wed RADIO PAZ MAILBAG
                              Wed-Thu PROGRESSIVE RADIO
                              Thu-Fri WINGS
                              Fri-Sat COUNTERSPIN
```

Saturday and Sunday same 8-hour cycles, until UT Mon 1800:

```
1800 0200 1000 ALTERNATIVE RADIO
1900 0300 1100 STEPPIN OUTTA BABYLON
1930 0330 1130 BETWEEN THE LINES
2000 0400 1200 PEOPLES TRIBUNE RADIO
2030 0430 1230 RADIO PAZ MAILBAG
2100 0500 1300 HONORING MOTHER EARTH
2130 0530 1330 WORLD OF RADIO
2200 0600 1400 GLOBAL COMMUNITY FORUM
2230 0630 1430 DISABILITY RADIO
2300 0700 1500 WORLD OF RADIO
2330 0730 1530 COUNTERSPIN
0000 0800 1600 SPIRITUAL AWAKENING
0030 0830 1630 TUC RADIO
0100 0900 1700 ALTERNATIVE RADIO
```

See http://www.rfpi.org or direct QuickTime link is:
rtsp://qt.streamreal.org/live/rfpi
(via James Latham March 11; reformatted by gh for DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** ECUADOR [non]. Akhbar Mufriha (The "Joyful News" Station)/Radio Al-Mahabba 12025, verified an e-mail report in one day with an e-mail reply from Andy Braio abraio @ hcjb.org Station Manager - Akhbar Mufriha. My report was e-mailed to the Arabic Broadcasting Service ("ABS") at info @ arabicbroadcasting.com I obtained the address from the ABS website. Shukri Habibi at the ABS forwarded my report to Andy Braio identifying the programs I heard. In his reply to me Andy noted "Thank you for your note. You tuned into our Arabic programs on "Akhbar Mufriha," the "Joyful News" station, 12025 kHz. We are on every night from 2100 to 2230 UT. I don't have a QSL card but this email verifies your reception. Thank you for the report." He goes on to mention: "Our programs are typically broadcast from Skelton U.K., although this time of year it has probably been transferred to Sackville, Canada." He provided the station's website address http://www.akhbarmufriha.com and indicated that Akhbar Mufriha is tied into its satellite station, Radio Al Mahabba. Finally, Andy says,

"Arabic Broadcasting is a partner of ours who supplies us with four of our programs. Radio Ibrahim is a cooperating partner radio station." I seem to recall mentions in the hobby press about Radio Ibrahim being tied into HCJB is some fashion. Apparently this is may be the case based on Andy's e-mail address. So, it appears Radio Ibrahim is a program provider to another program provider, Akhbar Mufriha, and all this relates to HCJB who is keeping a low profile. Interesting but why the CIA-like operation? (Rich D'Angelo, PA, March Australian DX News via DXLD) This is a revision of the item in DXLD 3-219 (gh)

** EUROPE. ACTIVE RADIO: "EUROPE'S LARGEST LIVE RADIO DATABASE"

Ehard Goddijn of RN's Programme Distribution Department has drawn my attention to Active Radio, a Web site with links for over 4000 radio stations in 59 European countries. There are also direct links to any online audio feeds that are available. There are 479 listings for the Netherlands alone! Active Radio http://www.activeradio.org/idx.php
posted by Andy @ 14:33 UT March 12 (Media Network blog via DXLD)

** GERMANY. Hi Glenn, Re 666 / 7265 --- we visited that station twice with our Ham radio Club, in 1999 and 2002.

SWR (former SWF Baden-Baden) took over the former 50 kW SW transmitter unit from Radio Bremen site in 1996.

Formerly the transmitter used for combined radio service of 6190 Radio Bremen / SFB Sender Freies Berlin (Free Berlin Broadcasting from ex British Sector of occupied Berlin/Germany, former Nazi WWII Reichsrundfunk House), in order to serve the German fishery fleet on the Northern Atlantic Ocean and listeners in communist ex-GDR. Bremen 6190 10 kW in 1961-1977?, and new Siemens transmitter of 50 kW from 1978-1996?

The transmitter unit did consist two separate sections of 25 kW power, Made by SIEMENS in Vienna-Austria. One section 'scrapped' to deliver replacement parts for the remaining unit. No operation instruction manuals were available, neither at Radio Bremen nor in Vienna. So the technicians dismantled the transmitter at Bremen and erected it at Rohrdorf, without advice of the manufacturer.

Transmissions are mainly fed into a R&S Rhode and Schwarz 90 degree corner reflector dipole antenna, to get an 'as it were' non-directional pattern.

Similar antennas erected at 6005 DLR Berlin, 6075 Wertachtal, 6085 Bavarian Radio Munich Ismaning, various 49 mbs at Juelich, 6090AM/ 6095DRM/ 5990DRM RTL Luxembourg, 5945/6155 ORF Moosbrunn.

Once a month during maintenance work on the corner antenna, another vertical conical reserve antenna is in use, which has extreme DX characteristics with a very low lobe angle.

infoRadio Berlin program is a take-over at nighttime [But Kai can tell you more about that arrangement amongst German Public broadcaster] (Wolfgang B¸schel, Stuttgart, March 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** GUAM. A-04 Schedule: Guam - KTWR : 28 March to 30 October 2004

Assamese
1330-1345 South Asia Mon-Tue 9920
Balinese
 0900-0915 Indonesia Fri-Tues 15200
Boro
 1330-1345 South Asia Wed-Sun 9920
Burmese
 1200-1300 Myanmar Daily 9975
Cantonese
 1400-1500 China Daily 9975
 2400-0100 China Daily 17540

English
 0730-0900 Southeast Asia Sat-Sun 15205
 0740-0900 Southeast Asia Mon-Fri 15205
 0745-0930 South Pacific Mon-Fri 11840
 0815-0930 South Pacific Sat-Sun 11840
 1015-1100 China Daily 9865
 1500-1600 South Asia Daily 12105

Hakka
 0845-0915 China Daily 12130
Indonesian
 0930-1100 Indonesia Daily 15330
 1030-1200 Indonesia Daily 15200
Japanese
 1200-1300 Japan Daily 9465
 2100-2200 Japan Daily 11690
Javanese
 1100-1200 Indonesia Daily 15275
Khmer
 1230-1330 Cambodia Daily 11720
Korean
 1430-1500 Korea Daily 9540
 1500-1600 Korea Daily 9920
Madurese
 0915-1000 Indonesia Daily 15200
Mandarin

0845-0930 China Daily 11580
0915-1100 China Daily 9910
0915-1600 China Daily 12130
0930-1015 China Daily 9865
1100-1515 China Daily 7455
1330-1400 China Daily 9975
1500-1615 China Daily 9975
2145-2215 China Daily 13690
Mix-Chinese
1300-1330 China Daily 9975
Santali
1345-1400 South Asia Daily 9920
Sgaw Karen
1330-1400 Myanmar Daily 12075
Sundanese
1000-1030 Indonesia Daily 15200
Swatow
1200-1230 China Daily 11670
Torajanese
0900-0915 Indonesia Wed-Thu 15200
Vietnamese
1100-1200 Vietnam Daily 9635
1400-1445 Vietnam Daily 9920
2230-2300 Vietnam Daily 13715
(via George Ross, KTWR via Alan Roe, UK, DXLD) another version:

KTWR-Guam A'04 Trans World Radio - Guam (October 30, 2003 - March 28, 2004) all 100 kW

Freq KHz	Time UT Open-Close	Azm deg	Target CIRAF zones	Days (Mon-Sun)	Language
7455	1100-1515	320	42,43,44	1234567	Mandarin
9465	1215-1300	345	45	1234567	Japanese
9540	1430-1500	335	44,45	1234567	Korean
9635	1100-1200	285	49	1234567	Vietnamese
9865	0930-1100	315	42,43,44	1234567	Mandarin
9910	0915-1100	320	42,43,44	1234567	Mandarin
9920	1330-1400	293	41,49	1234567	Indian [???]
9920	1400-1445	278	49	1234567	Vietnamese
9920	1100-1200	345	44,45	1234567	Korean
9975	1200-1300	285	49	1234567	Burmese
9975	1300-1330	315	42,43,44	1234567	Mix-Chinese
9975	1330-1400	285	42,43,44	1234567	Mandarin
9975	1400-1500	285	43,44	1234567	Cantonese
9975	1500-1615	315	42,43,44	1234567	Mandarin
11580	0845-0930	315	42,43,44	1234567	Mandarin
11670	1200-1230	293	43,44	1234567	Swatow

11690	2115-2200	345	45	1234567	Japanese
11720	0230-1330	278	49	1234567	Khmer
11840	0745-0930	165	51,55,56,58,59,60	12345	English
11840	0815-0930	165	51,55,56,58,59,60	67	English
12075	1330-1400	285	49	1234567	Sgaw Karen
12105	1500-1600	278	41,48,49	1234567	English
12130	0845-0915	285	43,44	1234567	Hakka
12130	0915-1600	305	42,43,44	1234567	Mandarin
13690	2145-2215	320	42,43,44	1234567	Mandarin
13715	2200-2230	285	49	1234567	Vietnamese
15200	0900-0915	248	54	12 567	Balinese
15200	0900-0915	248	54	34	Torajanese
15200	0915-1000	248	54	1234567	Madurese
15200	1030-1100	248	54	1234567	Sundanese
15200	1100-1230	248	54	1234567	Indonesian
15205	0740-0900	263	49,50,54	12345	English
15205	0730-0900	263	49,50,54	67	English
15275	1100-1200	255	49,54	1234567	Javanese
15330	0930-1100	255	54	1234567	Indonesian
17540	2400-0100	293	43,44	1234567	Cantonese

Reports to : KTWR, Trans World Radio - Guam
P.O. Box 8780, Agat, Guam 96928 USA
(via Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, India, and Swopan Chakroborty, DXLD)

** GUATEMALA. Radio Verdad on 4052[.5?] Wednesday March 10. In English from 0500 UT to 0600. ID as Radio Truth and a P O Box in Guatemala given. Religious talk and lots of Sunday school type songs sung by children, although kind of late at night for children to hear. Closed at 0600 with national anthem (presumed) sung by a children's choir. Spanish prior to 0500. It was reported in DXLD 4-037 that power has been increased to 800W, previously 300W, hence the good reception here, up to 9 over 6. First time logged. Heard again on Thursday and Friday. Tune in at 0337 Friday March 12 with very clear signal
(Bernie O'Shea, Ottawa, Canada, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INDIA [non]. TWR- India A'04

Effective from Mar 28th, 2004 to Oct 30th, 2004

[Note: TO India, not from India. See below]

2345-2400 7415 Kokborok (Mon-Fri), Manipuri (Sat/Sun)
0000-0015 7415 Kokborok (Mon-Fri), Chakma (Sat/Sun)

0015-0030 12045 Assamese (Mon-Fri), Tibetan (Sat/Sun)
0030-0045 12045 Assamese (Mon-Fri), Mundari (Sat), Magahi (Sun)
0045-0100 12045 Bengali (Mon-Fri), Sadri (Sat/Sun)

0030-0145 12035 Nepali (Mon -Fri)
0030-0045 12035* Kurukh (Sat/Sun)
0045-0100 12035* Maithili (Sat/Sun)
0100-0115 12035*/15580** Awadhi (Sat) Hindi (Sun)
0115-0130 12035*/15580** Hindi (Sat/Sun)

1230-1245 9485 Garhwali (Mon-Fri), Kumaoni (Sat/Sun)
1245-1300 9485 Dogri (Mon-Fri), Kashmiri (Sat), Newari (Sun)
1300-1315 9485 Urdu (Mon-Fri), Braj Bhasa (Sat/Sun)
1315-1330 9485 Urdu (Mon-Fri), English (Sat) Hindi (Sun)
1330-1345 9485 Maithali (Mon-Fri), Gamit (Sat/Sun)
1345-1400 9485 Maithali (Mon-Fri), Dhodiya (Sat/Sun)
1400-1445 9485 Punjabi (Mon-Fri)
1445-1515 9485 Muslimi Bengali (Mon-Fri)

1230-1400 9445 Hindi (Mon-Fri)
1230-1245 9445 Mewari (Sat/Sun)
1245-1300 9445 Bengali (Sat), Kui (Sun)
1300-1315 9445 Hindi (Sat), Ho (Sun)
1315-1330 9445 Bundeli (Sat/Sun)
1330-1345 9445 Bundeli (Sat), Marwari (Sun)
1345-1400 9445 Hindi (Sat/Sun)
1400-1415 9445 Dzonkha (Mon-Fri), Hindi (Sat/Sun)
1415-1430 9445 Bhojpuri (Mon-Fri), Santhali (Sat/Sun)
1430-1500 9445 Bhojpuri (Daily)

1600-1630 9475 Pashto (Mon-Fri), Dari (Sat/Sun)

1330-1345 9920 Muslimi Bengali (Mon/Tues), Boro (Wed-Sun)
1345-1400 9920 Santhali (Daily)

2230-2300 882 Bengali (Daily)
2300-2315 882 Vasavi (Mon/Tues)
2300-2330 882 Gujarati (Wed-Sun)
2315-2330 882 Mavchi (Mon/Tues)
2330-2400 882 Malayalam (Daily)
0000-0030 882 Tamil (Daily)
0030-0045 882 Choudhary (Sat) Konkani (Sun)
0030-0100 882 Konkani (Mon-Fri)
0045-0100 882 Kannada (Sat/Sun)
0100-0115 882 Malayalam (Sat), Koya (Sun)
0100-0130 882 Kannada (Mon-Fri)
0115-0130 882 Tulu (Sat) Kannada (Sun)

1130-1215 882 English (Daily)
1215-1230 882 Kannada (Mon-Fri), English (Sat/Sun)
1230-1245 882 Banjara (Mon-Fri), Soura (Sat/Sun)

1245-1300 882 Banjara (Daily)
1300-1315 882 Koya (Mon/Tues), Banjara (Wed-Sun)
1315-1330 882 Kutchi (Mon-Sat), Kotuwalia (Sun)
1330-1345 882 Kutchi (Mon-Fri), Telegu (Sat), Kannada (Sun)
1345-1400 882 Telegu (Mon-Sat), Decani (Sun)
1400-1415 882 Telegu (Mon-Fri), Gujarati (Sat/Sun)
1415-1430 882 Telegu (Daily)
1430-1445 882 Marathi (Mon-Fri), Chatisgarhi (Sat/Sun)
1445-1500 882 Marathi (Mon-Sat), Baduga (Sun)
1500-1515 882 Oriya (Daily)
1515-1545 882 Telegu (Mon/Tues), Oriya (Wed - Sun)
1545-1600 882 Ho (Mon/Tues), Gondi (Wed - Sun)
1600-1615 882 Chatisgarhi (Mon/Tues), Gondi (Wed - Sun)
1615-1630 882 Marathi (Mon-Fri), Kukna (Sat), Varli (Sun)
1630-1645 882 Sindhi (Mon-Fri), Bhili (Sat/Sun)
1645-1700 882 Sindhi (Mon-Fri), Deccani (Sat), English (Sun)
1700-1715 882 Gujarati (Mon-Fri), English (Sat/Sun)
1715-1730 882 Chatisgarhi (Mon-Fri), English (Sat/Sun)
1730-1745 882 Chatisgarhi (Mon - Fri)
1745-1815 882 Deccani (Mon - Fri)
1815-1845 882 Bhili (Mon - Fri)
1845-1915 882 Hindi (Mon - Fri)

* Effective for the period Apr, Sept & Oct' 04
** Effective for the period May to Aug '04

7415 KHz - Via Alma Aty
9445 KHz - Via Tashkent
9475 KHz - Via Samara
9485 KHz - Via Irkutsk
9920 KHz - Via Guam
12035 KHz - Via Tashkent
12045 KHz - Via Alma Aty
15580 KHz - Via Tashkent
882 KHz - Via Puttalam, Sri Lanka

Source: TWR-India Office, L-15, Green Park, New Delhi 110016, India.
Regds, (Alokesh Gupta, New Delhi, India, March 9, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** INTERNATIONAL: TWR-Europe Schedule: 28 Mar 2004 - 30 Oct 2004
NB: I have had to assume languages from some obscure abbreviations;
apologies for any errors (ar)

Albanian
1900-1915 45 1467ro
1915-1930 1234 67 1467ro
Arabic
0155-0200 1234567 1233cy

```
 0200-0215 67 1233cy
 0200-0230 12345 1233cy
 1915-1930 5 1395af
 1925-1944 2 1233cy
 1925-1959 1 34567 1233cy
 2000-2115 1 34567 1233cy
 2000-2200 7 1467ro
 2015-2115 2 1233cy
 2030-2215 6 1467ro
 2100-2115 1 1467ro
 2100-2200 2345 1467ro
 2130-2200 1 1467ro
Armenian
 1533-1548 67 12080ac
 1533-1548 67 9945ac
 1533-1603 12345 12080ac
 1533-1603 12345 9945ac
Assyrian
 0215-0230 7 1233cy
Belorussian
 1357-1427 1 11615ac
 1357-1427 1 9725au
 1930-2000 1 999gr
Bosnian
 1825-1840 67 1395af
 1945-2015 67 1395af
Bulgarian
 1800-1830 1234567 1548gr
Croatian
 1230-1245 123 56 5945ju
 1230-1245 123 56 7280mo
 1845-1900 1 3 5 1467ro
 1930-1945 1234567 1395af
 1945-2015 12345 1395af
Czech
 1606-1621 12 45 6240ac
 1606-1621 12 45 7240ac
 2030-2100 1234567 1395af

English
 0645-0750 6 11865ac
 0645-0750 6 9870mo
 0645-0820 7 11865ac
 0645-0820 7 9870mo
 0715-0820 12345 11865ac
 0715-0820 12345 9870mo
 2215-2230 6 1467ro
 2215-2245 7 1467ro
```

```
Estonian
 1930-2000 67 1494sp #
 2030-2100 67 1494sp @
Farsi
 0200-0230 123 567 7355ac
 0200-0230 123 567 9975ac
 1625-1740 1234567 12075ac
 1625-1740 1234567 9960ac
 1915-1930 3 1395af
French
 0228-0258 7 216ro
 0241-0256 123456 216ro
German
 0345-0415 1234567 1467ro
 0830-0845 123456 6230mo
 0830-0845 123456 7160mo
 0830-0915 7 6230mo
 0830-0915 7 7160mo
 1300-1330 7 6230mo
 1300-1330 7 7160mo
 1330-1400 1234567 6230mo
 1330-1400 1234567 7160mo
 1930-2000 67 1467ro
 1930-2030 12345 1467ro
Hungarian
 0830-0845 23456 6105ju
 0830-0845 23456 7210ju
 1630-1700 1234567 6175ju
 1840-1915 1234567 1395af
Iraqi
 0215-0230 6 1233cy
Kabyle
 2000-2030 6 1467ro
 2030-2100 12345 1467ro
Latvian
 1900-1930 6 1494sp #
 2000-2030 6 1494sp @
Lithuanian
 1900-1930 7 1494sp #
 2000-2030 7 1494sp @
Mandarin
 1900-1915 3 1467ro
Norwegian
 1930-2000 12345 1494sp #
 2030-2100 12345 1494sp @
 2030-2100 12345 9435ac *
Polish
```

```
 0515-0530 1234567 6235ac
 0515-0530 1234567 7380ac
 1445-1500 7 6240ac
 1445-1500 7 9735ac
 1500-1530 1234567 6240ac
 1500-1530 1234567 9735ac
 1915-1930 1 1395af
Qashqai
 1740-1755 7 12075ac
 1740-1755 7 9960ac
Romani/Balkan
 1830-1845 1234567 1548gr
Romani/Vlax
 1915-1945 12345 1548gr
Romanian
 1600-1630 6 6175ju
 1600-1630 6 7240ju
 1845-1900 2 1467ro
 1845-1915 1234567 1548gr
 1915-1945 6 1548gr
Russian
 1342-1357 1 11615ac
 1342-1357 1 9725au
 1342-1427 67 11615ac
 1342-1427 67 9725au
 1342-1457 2345 11615ac
 1342-1457 2345 9725au
 1427-1457 1 11615ac
 1427-1457 1 9725au
 1745-1800 67 999gr
 1900-1930 12    7 999gr
 1915-1930 7 1395af
 1915-1930 6 999gr
 1930-2000 234567 999gr
Serbian
 1810-1840 12345 1395af
 1945-2000 1234567 1548gr
Slovak
 0530-0545 12345 6235ac
 0530-0545 12345 7210ju
 1030-1100 6 7225ju
 1030-1100 6 9490ju
 2015-2030 1234567 1395af
Slovenian
 1230-1245 4  7 5945ju
 1230-1245 4  7 7280mo
Sorani
 1915-1930 4 1395af
```

Sous
 1900-1915 7 1467ro
Spanish
 1915-1930 5 1467ro
Sudanese
 1944-1959 2 1233cy
Swedish
 1900-1930 12345 1494sp #
 2000-2030 12345 1494sp @
 2000-2030 12345 9435ac *
Tamazight
 1900-1915 1 1467ro
Tarift
 1900-1915 2 1467ro
Turkish
 1915-1930 2   6 1395af
Ukrainian
 1730-1745 67 999gr
 1730-1800 12345 999gr
 1900-1915 6 999gr
 1900-1930 345 999gr

I was unable to determine the following language codes:
AEB 2115-2130 1 1467ro
AJP 2000-2015 2 1233cy
AJP 2200-2215 7 1467ro
ARY 2200-2215 12345 1467ro
MKJ 1915-1945 7 1548gr

* 26 April to 6 August
# to 25 April and from 21 August
@ 26 April to 20 August

ac = Cerrik, Albania
af = Fllake, Albania
au = Moosbrunn, Austria
cy = Cape Creco, Cyprus
gr = Grigoriopol, Moldova
ju = Juelich, Germany
mo = Monte Carlo, Monaco
ro = Roumoules, RMC France
sp = St. Petersburg, Russia

Days: 1 = Mon ...   7 = Sun [TWR-Eur via Wolfgang Bueschel, re-arranged by Alan Roe, DX LISTENING DIGEST]

** ITALY. Rebellion in Venezia against the close down of RAI 3 Campalto on 1368 kHz --- MercoledÏ, 10 Marzo 2004

PROTESTE CONTRO LA RAI CHE HA OSCURATO RADIOTRE

MESTRE - Tantissime proteste dopo lo spegnimento del ripetitore Rai di Campalto. E' saltata infatti la rete tre, che Ë la pi˘ amata da sempre da chi ascolta la radio. E' vero che si puÚ ascoltare in modulazione di frequenza, ma chi era abituato alle AM ovviamente non vede di buon occhio di cominciare a cercare con affanno Radiotre tra le mille frequenze Fm, in quella marmellata di radio private una appiccicata all'altra. Soprattutto gli anziani hanno difficolt‡ a trovare la nuova sintonizzazione e da case di riposo e ospedali sono arrivate tante proteste. Ma non solo anziani. Siccome ci sono zone sia a Venezia che a Mestre dove si fa una fatica boia a trovare la sintonia, i cittadini chiedono alla Rai, almeno, di potenziare il segnale della modulazione di frequenza. Chi ha telefonato per protestare, sia alla Rai che al Gazzettino, tiene a sottolineare che i diritti dei cittadini di Campalto non si toccano e, dunque, se le emissioni sono fuori legge, non c'Ë da discutere, ma la Rai doveva fornire una informazione ai suoi utenti e non spegnere e basta. Chi paga il canone ha il diritto di sentire anche radiotre e un lettore si chiedeva perchË non hanno spento il canale due o radiouno, invece di radiotre che fa programmi di maggior qualit‡? (via Dario Monferini, DXLD)

** LAOS. Was it just my own edition? I did not see LAOS (a country) in the international section of WRTH of 2004? Please if it is there, tell me which page (Emma Elo Ezeani, Nigeria, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Indeed Laos is also missing from my copy and surely every copy, of the WRTH 2004 International section, at least under the L`s and vicinity altho I am not going to search every page in case it be misplaced. It is referenced under the Domestic section. In WRTH 2003, LAOS does appear on page 514 in the Int`l section. Possibly at the time 2004 went to press it appeared that the external service was off the air, and indeed it is very irregular, as just reported in DXLD. But what about the clandestine (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** LIBYA [non]. Hi Glenn, The Voice of Africa - Radio Jamahiriya via France noted on 11715 with news in ENGLISH 1818 UT followed by a three minute newsbulletin in FRENCH 1823 UT. Nice reception indeed, but no IDs at all (Jouko Huuskonen, Turku, FINLAND, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MADAGASCAR. Glenn: About an hour before reading in the ever-informative DXLD the report by Andy Sennitt via Mike Terry that the R. Nederland relay via Madagascar was back on the air, I had tentatively logged it at 9895 on 03/12/04, in Spanish, with a weak and noise-ridden, but intelligible, signal: a male talker. Antenna: 85 meter circumference asymmetrical horizontal loop; Rx: R-75 (Steve Waldee, San Jose, CA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

We must be careful about RN sites; sometimes they substitute one for another during emergencies, tho I have not heard about that in this case. Flevo/Bonaire/Madagascar can all cover Latin America. However, as Andy mentioned a while ago, Madagascar to LAm works only in the B season, so from Marchend 9895 presumably goes back to Bonaire and/or Flevo (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** MEXICO. ACALLAN LA VOZ DE RADIO M…XICO EN EL MUNDO
La ventana ciega --- Claudia Segura 8-Mar-04 (02:37)

°Aterrador, doloroso, indignante ser· la mutilaciÛn de la voz de la radio mexicana! Pero espere, no estoy hablando de la mutilaciÛn de JosÈ GutiÈrrez VivÛ y su empresa en la radio mexicana... Alto, porque tampoco estoy hablando de la desarticulaciÛn de los programas de Radio Red AM con la despedida voluntaria de Germ·n Dehesa, no. Estoy hablando del anuncio de la desapariciÛn de Radio MÈxico Internacional del espectro radioelÈctrico mundial.

øA quiÈn puede interesarle que Dolores Beistegui y RocÌo Micher anunciaran la desapariciÛn de Radio MÈxico Internacional del Instituto Mexicano de la Radio, si esa emisora es una m·s de onda corta en los 9750 [sic] y los 11770 hertzios [sic] de la banda receptora SW que nadie escucha?

A la seÒora PÈrez que est· oyendo la Sabrosita en el 100.9 de FM de la Ciudad de MÈxico no le importa que desaparezca Radio MÈxico Internacional, °por quÈ al fin y al cabo, ella no la est· escuchando! Al jovenzuelo Jonatan que est· prendido de la cadena Naranja en Veracruz, Veracruz, le comentamos que saldr· del aire Radio MÈxico Internacional y nos grito mientras escuchaba a Alejandro Sanz ``°...lÈeme los labios a mi me vale madre!``

øA quiÈn le puede importar que desde el jueves 4 de marzo mi compaÒero de Milenio Diario Christi·n ObregÛn se haya tomado la molestia de informar de la desapariciÛn de Radio MÈxico Internacional que naciÛ el 1 de septiembre de 1969, para transmitir al resto del mundo el informe presidencial, si como lo declara en esta misma nota la directora del IMER la programaciÛn de RMI es anacrÛnica?

La verdad yo tambiÈn creo que es anacrÛnica la informaciÛn que se guarda en el Archivo General de la FederaciÛn... °Propongo que incendiemos todos los papeles viejos que hay en Lecumberri y que pongamos en el edificio de la penitenciaria un antro que suene °chingÛn... y que por allÌ nos deje una buena lana a los mexicanos!

Mejor a˙n y en vista de que las autoridades del Instituto Mexicano de la Radio han comprendido que la primera emisora de radio que

identifica a MÈxico en el resto del mundo debe de salir del aire, porque °nadie la escucha aquÌ! y tres de sus cinco transmisores est·n averiados y sale muy caro repararlos, o peor a˙n, comprar nuevos; yo propongo que desaparezcamos de una vez toda la red de emisoras de Redes P˙blicas Mexicanas, al fin que sÛlo las oyen los estudiantes de los cerros m·s lejanos del paÌs... °El camino es f·cil, sÛlo hay que poner en cada pueblucho unas computadoras, metemos Internet... de tarjeta porque no han puesto la red telefÛnica y ahora si... Metamos a la Internet las emisoras de onda corta paíque ya no se oigan tan ruidosas... °Es una falta a la oreja oÌr esas transmisiones tan malas!

Es increÌble que yo llegue al grado de cinismo en el que me encuentro escribiendo, pero cuando hablÈ con los diexistas --- radioescuchas de la onda corta en todo el mundo --- especialmente con el doctor Juli·n Santiago Diez de Bonilla representante de la serie ``Encuentro DX`` de XEOY Radio Mil, ˙nica [sic] emisora comercial de nuestro paÌs que trabaja y transmite al resto del mundo en la banda SW, de este anuncio increÌble de la desapariciÛn de Radio MÈxico Internacional, no he encontrado una forma m·s clara de hacernos entender a todos que est·n por matar a la primera emisora que un estudiante mexicano de Sud·frica escucha.

Si, la respuesta es muy lÛgica, para quÈ nos preocupamos por la onda corta, si ya hay un sistema muy interesante y ``moterno`` [sic] que se llama la Internet, a travÈs de la cual, todos estamos conectados e informados...

Estoy de acuerdo, pero me pregunto sÌ alguno de mis tres lectores en San Luis PotosÌ ha decidido tirar por la borda ``La Ventana Ciega`` porque sÛlo hablo del conflicto que est·n viviendo Grupo Radio Centro e InfoRed, ya que ellos no alcanzan a escuchar la seÒal de estos dos peleoneros, y por lo tanto, no existe para los escuchas de San Luis ni Monitor de GRC, ni mucho menos, Monitor de InfoRed...

La onda corta es un sistema de transmisiÛn terreno de radiodifusiÛn de amplio espectro, que nos comunica incluso, al universo mismo... pero no, øa quiÈn le puede interesar lo que MÈxico es en otro hemisferio? øA quiÈn le importa que encuentren agua en Marte...

De todo corazÛn espero que el seÒor Edilberto Huesca tenga m·s visiÛn radiofÛnica que las autoridades del IMER --- Y espero que todos caigan en la cuenta de que los anunciantes de NRM en el 1000 de AM y en el 6010 de SW consiguen emisiÛn internacional... Con lo que quiero imaginar que podrÌa el IMER buscar por ejemplo, un apoyo a la compostura de esos transmisores con el famoso banco HSBC que antes fue Bital y que tanto gusta de anunciarse en radio y que adem·s, tiene proyecciÛn internacional precisamente por el uso de la radio de onda corta comercial...

En la radio de onda corta no es que los oyentes sean locos marcianos que oyen sin sentido emisiones de todo el mundo, la cosa es otra y si lo dudan preg˙ntenselo a Sadamm Husain cuyo radio fue lo ˙nico que encontraron con Èl en el hoyo de donde lo pescaron, o pregunten a los terroristas, guerrilleros, militares, estudiantes extranjeros, mÈdicos, enfermeros, radioaficionados; ingenieros, radioescuchas bohemios y dem·s que escuchan la onda corta no por ir contra del Internet, sino para garantizar nuestra sobrevivencia en caso de terremotos, derrumbes, viajes a la Patagonia, o para matar el rato conociendo otros paÌses a travÈs de la radio (Claudia Segura, Publicado en Milenio diario el lunes 8 de marzo del 2004 via HÈctor GarcÌa Bojorge, DF, ConexiÛn Digital via DXLD)

Gracias HÈctor. Ya le he contestado a Claudia. Me parece un buen recurso el de la ironÌa para oponerse a la hipocresÌa de los funcionarios irresponsables. Radio MÈxico Internacional es parte de la cultura y la educaciÛn de la sociedad mexicana y embajadora de esos valores en el mundo entero. Otro desafÌo para quienes deseamos defender la radiodifusiÛn internacional a travÈs del sistema de onda corta. Un abrazo (RubÈn Guillermo Margenet, Argentina, ibid.)

** MEXICO [and non]. U S A/MEXICO. WORLDBEAT: TOWARD RESOLVING THE MEXICO-US 560, 780 & 920 KHz BORDER SITUATIONS

An update on the radio border war developing between Mexico and the United States as we reported a few weeks ago. According to Joseph Berring in a letter to the CGC Communicator, the alleged problems caused by the Mexican broadcasters on 560, 780 and 920 kHz has become a top priority for both the U.S. FCC and the State Department as well as for the Mexican Administration.

According to Berring, top U.S. officials recently met with their Mexican counterparts in Mexico City. Berring observes that despite the controversy and problems that have arisen, Mexico`s position has been very clear and unwavering. That being existing bilateral agreements are valid and they have not been violated. Additionally, Mexico seems to have some complaints of its own regarding U.S. stations.

The United States position is obviously a bit different. Not only does the US administration feel that there are clear violations, but that there are specific sidebar agreements dating as far back as 1996 that address the issues at hand.

Berring, who is a consultant on United States and Mexico border issues says to stay tuned. It should prove interesting (CGC via ARNewsline March 12 via John Norfolk, DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS. Radio Netherlands English summer schedule

In advance of publication of the full schedule on our Web site, and the arrival of On Target via the mail, here are the SW/MW frequencies for our English service effective Sunday 28 March 2004:

To North America
1100-1200 11675
1900-2100 (Sat/Sun) 15315, 17735 and 17660
0000-0200 9845
0400-0500 6165 and 9590

To Africa
1800-1900 6020, 9895 and 11655
1900-2100 7120, 9895, 11655 and 17810

To Europe
2100-2200 1512

To Asia, Far East and Pacific
1000-1100 9785, 12065, 13710 and 13820
1400-1500 9890, 11835 and 12075

posted by Andy @ 09:41 UT March 11 (Media Network blog via DXLD)

** NETHERLANDS [non]. RADIO NETHERLANDS PRODUCER ON WISCONSIN PUBLIC RADIO SUNDAY 14 MARCH, 2000-2200 UT

Jonathan Groubert, the producer/presenter of Radio Netherlands' European Affairs magazine, EuroQuest, will be the featured guest on Wisconsin Public Radio's global call-in show "Here On Earth". Host Jean Feraca will be querying him on such issues as European expansion, social trends and what it means to be an American living in Europe talking to the world. You can listen to the program live via the web at http://www.wpr.org/hereonearth

You can also call in and participate. From outside the USA E-mail HereOnEarth@wpr.org Include your phone number they'll call you back, or call them at +1 608 263 1890. From inside the USA call 1-800-642-1234.

posted by Andy @ 09:53 UT March 11 (Media Network blog via DXLD)

Actually he`s scheduled only in the first hour, 2006-2100 UT Sun, and this hour habitually repeats UT Thursday 0206 (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** NEW ZEALAND. Radio Reading Service confirmation -- Glenn, Re:

Radio Reading Service (tentative): snatches of male voice --- one could almost get a syllable or two of the speech Rx: R75 (Steve Waldee, CA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

This is a difficult one to ID. Iíve been successful only twice. Although this shortwave station is intended as a domestic reading service for the blind, the times Iíve gotten decent audio theyíve always been relaying the national feed i.e. the same thing as RNZI though there has been a time delay of 5 to 10 seconds. The simplest way of confirming 3935 around 1000 is checking for a parallel on the RNZI 31m outlet (David Hodgson, TN, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** OKLAHOMA. Station News --- KCSC/KBCW Classical Radio
From the General Manager, March, 2004, Bradford Ferguson

Dear Members, March is the month of our spring fund drive. This year the drive dates are March 25th (Thursday) through the 29th (Monday). Our goal is $50,000 of support for Oklahoma`s Choice for Classical Music. A large expense we are facing this summer is the painting of our new tower in the Oklahoma City ``antenna farm.`` This 850 x 8 foot tower will cost more than $21,000 to paint (Wow!). This is not just to keep up with FAA regulations; a painted tower lasts longer than one that is simply galvanized and lighted with a strobe. Protection of your investment is a primary duty of station management.

We look forward to hearing from you during this important time of the year and hope you will generously support this unique radio station! Sincerely, Brad Ferguson General Manager

Programming Notes March, 2004 Kent Anderson

Exciting things continue to happen here at KCSC/KBCW. A project that has been a long time in the making will finally come to our airwaves beginning next month, as a program featuring band music returns. Dr. Matthew Mailman of Oklahoma City University will be hosting the program, bringing a wealth of knowledge and insight to his presentation. It will air at 12:00 noon on Sundays [1700 UT], beginning the first weekend of April. Dr. Mailman has already put together several months worth of program ideas, and we are excited about this new program partnership.

I am always looking for new and intriguing program ideas to promote good music, and a few other plans are currently in the works for later in the year. As always, feel free to e-mail me, kanderson @ kcscfm.com if you have questions about programming.

Kent Anderson Program Director (kcscfm.com via John Norfolk, DXLD)

** PERU. 3234.85, Radio Luz y Sonido, Hu·nuco, 1030 to 1050 splendid rustic Peruvian flutes, OM with "..nacional.... Radio Luz y Sonido... bienvenidos... 56 minutos en Radio Luz y Sonido..." blasting in on 11 March (Bob Wilkner, NRD 535D, Icom R75, Noise Reducing Antenna, PÛmpano Beach, FlÛrida, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** PERU. Radio Imperio (presumed) on 4387 Thursday March 11 at 0445 UT tune in; off at about 0500. (Listed as 4389 in WRTH - The Shortwave Guide - Volume 2.) Heard again at tune in at 0338 Friday March 12 with a good signal. Closed at 0458 in mid song. For 15 minutes or more prior to close down, on both nights, spoken word sounded like a preacher (presumably in Spanish). First time logged (Bernie O'Shea, Ottawa, Canada, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** RUSSIA [and non]. VoR's announcer Carl Watts was born on a farm in Manitoba, Canada and served as an air cadet in Hamilton. Watts defected to the Soviet Union in 1952, along with his parents and his brother.

He was 22 then, and his biggest dream was to see Stalin alive. That never happened though. Stalin died in 1953. "When he died I cried like a baby because I didn't know any better," Watts remembers.

According to CNN, Watts started working at R. Moscow in 1952. Until the end of 1980s he was known to his listeners as Karl Yegorov. Remembering his years as a Soviet broadcaster Watts says, "I will be very honest with you. I knew what I was reading was untrue and I felt very bad about it, but there was nothing I could ever do. I was told what to read and that was that..."

Watts married a Russian woman, and they had a son. He has enjoyed his family life. "My wife says I should have stayed in Canada because I'd be retired right now with a big pension. But I always say that if I had, I would never have met her and had such a wonderful son, who is the greatest happiness of my life."

In 1991 Watts acquired a Canadian passport for himself and for his son, Nikita. Three years later Nikita emigrated to Montreal, where he is a mechanic.

Watts says, "My father was born in Russia and came to Canada and I was born in Canada and came to Russia. Now my son has done as my father did, so Canada remains part of our heritage. But I can't return to Canada because I don't qualify for a pension and have no wish to be a burden on the taxpayers."

A good article on Carl Watts can be found at:
http://www.canoe.ca/72Summit/sep28_fisher.html

He was mentIoned on CNN back in 1999:
http://www.cnn.com/WORLD/europe/9905/24/russia.radio/
His picture and Y2K greetings can be found at VoR's
site at: http://www.vor.ru/English/Narrators/narrators.html
(Sergei Sosedkin, IL, March 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** SUDAN. RADIO PEACE AND SIRS --- Radio Peace, Nuba Mountains,
Southern Sudan.

Thanks to Andy Sennitt in HCDX leading me to the right way. I did some
research in the internet about this station and found some sites. I
also contacted various religious groups involved in setting up the
station. The replies were, so to say, short-worded, but it seems the
station on 4750 (1 kW) is located in Southern Sudan. Some links to the
pages about Radio Peace:

PPF: http://www.persecutionproject.org/resources/radios/radios.htm

And here's their reply to my reception report:
---quote---
Hello Jari, Yes, this is our Radio program - Radio Peace -
broadcasting from transmitter located inside southern Sudan. Our
website is http://www.persecutionproject.org
Thanks, Golda Atkins, PPF Administrative Coordinator
---unquote---

BFO (Blessings for Obedience) Radio Free Sudan site:
Propagation models for SW station in Sudan (using 3.2 MHz)
http://www.bfosouth.org/bfosouth/rfs/propagation_models.htm

And here's their reply to my reception report:
---quote---
Hi Jari, Radio Peace is a new shortwave outreach of the SPLA (Sudan
People's Liberation Movement). Our engineers helped them to construct
the station. We will be back in touch with you regarding QSL
information. Thank you for the report from Finland!
Blessings, Mr. Kelly Coleman, Radio Free Sudan
---unquote---

MVN (see Nov 2003) [already in DXLD]
http://www.google.fi/search?q=cache:saqHFUMmE5MJ:www.missionvisionnetwork.org/
clipboard.htm+%22pete+stover%22+%2mike+taylor%22&hl=fi&ie=UTF-8

E-mail from Peter Stover (EMC) about the station in 2003:
http://leden.tref.nl/~ende0098/pages/archive/articles/20030707c.htm
---
Bestworx (the supplier of studio/transmitter equipment)

see Realized Projects
http://www.bestworx.com/E_frame.html

In addition, I got some info from Southern Sudan, that there is a 50 kW transmitter (shortwave I think) under construction very near the Radio Peace installation. My source describes it as "South Sudan Government" station. I'm unable to contact him at the moment to get more detailed information. I wonder if this will be the planned SIRS (Sudan Independent Radio Service) to replace the Sudan Radio Service transmissions from various relay sites. See
http://www.dot-com-alliance.org/newsletter/sudan.html
(Jari Savolainen, Kuusankoski, Finland, March 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

But WHERE in Southern Sudan? The propagation studies are centred on a place called Waw, at approx. 8 North, 28 East. Have there been any other mysterious unIDs on 4750 (or 3 MHz band) since last June? Here`s part of the E-mail from Peter Stover linked above: (gh, DXLD)

Nuba Radio

From: "Pete Stover"
To: "Kamil Makki"
CC: "Mohamed Walid" , "NRRDO" , "Julie Crosen" , "Brad Phillips" , "Livingstone Kiniaru"
Subject: Nuba Radio
Date: Mon, 7 Jul 2003 11:55:03 -0400

Kamil, Perhaps you have heard by now, the Nuba radio station went on air 22 June with test programming for two days then it started broadcasting "officially" on 25 June at 8 pm. While the coverage was not equal to what the station had during testing, we believe this is limited in part to atmospheric conditions during the current SW season and the technical facility that exists.

The staff was doing very well after our training for two weeks but they still wanted more training as we were leaving. We will return at a later date to help after they have been on the air a few months.

Mr. Saddig Mansour El-Nair is the information secretary and has been coordinating the station activities while the new manager who just arrived on 26 June is getting settled. . . (via gh, DXLD)

** TOGO. Hi Glenn, It really seems that Radio Togo, LomÈ has been re-activated in the 60 mb. Heard a French speaking station last Wednesday March 10 2215 UT on 5046.66 kHz with weak signal. 73¥s (Jouko Huuskonen, Turku, FINLAND, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** TURKEY. Summer A-04 schedule for Voice of Turkey:

```
ALBANIAN       1130-1225  11875
ARABIC         0900-1055  11690  15520
               1400-1555  11735  17790
AZERI          0700-0825  11730  15140
               1400-1455   9645* |||* ex 11865 for A-03
BOSNIAN        1800-1855   5980* |||* ex  9500 for A-03
BULGARIAN      1330-1425   7140
CHINESE        1100-1155  17715
CROATIAN       1600-1625  11970

ENGLISH        0300-0350   6140*  7270  |||* ex 11655 for A-03
               1230-1320  15225* 15405* |||* ex 17595/17830 for A-03
               1830-1920   9785
               2030-2120   7170* |||* ex  9525 for A-03
               2200-2250   9830

FRENCH         1930-2025   9535  11850
GERMAN         1130-1225  13760* |||* ex 15470 for A-03
               1730-1825  13640
GEORGIAN       0700-0755   9760* |||* ex 11690 for A-03
GREEK          1030-1125   7295   9840* |||* ex 11930 for A-03
               1430-1525   7180* |||* ex  9655 for A-03
HUNGARIAN      0930-1025  13770
KAZAKH         1500-1555  11860
KYRGHYZ        1600-1655   9575* |||* ex 11860 for A-03
MACEDONIAN     0800-0855  11690
PERSIAN        0830-0925  11795  17705
               1230-1355  11940
ROMANIAN       0930-1025   9560
RUSSIAN        1300-1355  13720* |||* ex 15450 for A-03
               1700-1755   9675
SERBIAN        1330-1355  11860
SPANISH        1630-1655  13640* |||* ex 15150 for A-03
TATAR          1500-1555   9855* |||* ex 1800-1855 6175 for A-03
TURKISH        0400-0655  15425* |||* ex 17690 for A-03
               0400-0855  11750
               0700-1555  11955  15350
               0700-2055   9460
               0900-1155  21715
               1000-1455  17630  Friday only
               1200-1555  13655
               1600-2155   5960*  9560  |||* ex  5980 for A-03
               1700-2155   7215
               2200-0355   9460  |||  till Aug.14, 2004
               2200-0355   7300  |||  from Aug.15, 2004
TURKMEN        1530-1625  11905
URDU           1200-1255  15170* |||* ex 17715 for A-03
UZBEK          0100-0155   7175* |||* ex  9555 for A-03
```

1700-1755 6115
(Observer, Bulgaria, March 12, via DXLD)

** U A E. 1575 kHz 2140 UT, RADIO ASIA, Dubai (QTH: Ras al-Khaimah) broadcasting in Malayalam to the immigrants living in the Gulf area. Reception was quite satisfactory here in SW of Finland. March 10 (Jouko Huuskonen, Turku, FINLAND, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U K. My BBC --- Would you like to be the star of a new radio feature about BBC World Service listeners? Do you have a great story to tell about where and how you listen to BBC World Service? Are you enthusiastic about the programmes you listen to? If you have something to say about the BBC World Service please use the form on the right hand side of this page
http://www.bbc.co.uk/worldservice/programmes/mybbc.shtml
to answer the following questions:

1. How often do you listen to BBC World Service?
2. How do you listen to BBC World Service? (Internet, Satellite TV, FM Re-broadcaster, Short Wave)
3. How does the BBC World Service fit into your everyday life?
4. Do you listen to the BBC with anybody else?
5. Where do you listen?
6. Do you have anything else to add regarding an interesting time when you listened to the BBC World Service?

If you have a photograph of yourself to go with your story email it to us at mybbc @ bbc.co.uk Also let us know which city you live in and send a contact telephone number. From BBCWorldService.com (via Sergei Sosedkin, DXLD)

** U K. The BBC advertised March 8 for a new director general to succeed Greg Dyke, who resigned in January amid the worst crisis in the history of the world's biggest and best-known public broadcaster.

"The new director general must be fully committed to the BBC," said its advertisement in the media section of the Guardian newspaper. "Applicants must have experience of operating in the public eye at the highest level and have the professional credibility, resilience and integrity to lead the BBC," it said, adding that "knowledge of the media business and proven leadership, strategic and financial skills" would be prerequisites.

The BBC, which prides itself on its independence, was thrown into turmoil in January when it was criticised by a judicial inquiry for a May 2003 news report alleging that Prime Minister Tony Blair's inner circle had "sexed up" intelligence on Iraq and weapons of mass destruction. It also cleared Blair's government of serious wrongdoing

in the July 2003 suicide of David Kelly, the Ministry of Defence weapons expert who had been the source of the BBC's report. Others at the BBC who stood down in the wake of Lord Brian Hutton's inquiry included Gavyn Davies, the chairman of the BBC board of governors, and journalist Andrew Gilligan, who had aired the report (AFP via SCDX/ MediaScan March 10 via DXLD)

** U S A [and non]. IRAQI VOA TRANSLATOR AND FAMILY MEMBERS KILLED

An Iraqi translator who worked for the Voice of America, and two members of his family, were shot and killed in Baghdad last week by unknown assailants, a VOA spokesman said on Wednesday. The translator, Selwan Abdelghani Medhi al-Niemi, was attacked in Baghdad on Friday night as he was returning home in his car. His mother and daughter, who were travelling in the car with him, were also killed. A VOA spokesman said: "The case is under investigation. We have no explanation, we don't know why he was killed."

posted by Andy @ 16:09 UT March 11 (Media Network blog via DXLD)

** U S A. WWRB update --- Greetings!!! We are pleased to announce the acquisition of another Collins 479S - 6A Aircraft Navigation test Generator.

This Signal generator is used in servicing aircraft navigation electronics (Avionics) such as VHF Omni Range, Localizer, Glide Slope, Marker Beacon, Providing precession guidance signal simulations used in the repair, maintenance and certification of airborne avionics.

We are VERY fortunate to have acquired this unit at such a good price. We are very excited and eager to place this equipment into revenue service at our Avionics Repair Facility.

The revenue generated by our Aircraft operations is helping up-start and existing Ministries have access to the shortwave airwaves at exceedingly affordable prices (Dave Frantz, WWRB, March 12, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. Media Alert - SATURDAY MORNING, MARCH 13, 2004

Will discuss new Godless Americans PAC, challenges facing America's nonbelievers... Ellen Johnson, president of American Atheists and Executive Director of the new "GODLESS AMERICANS POLITICAL ACTION COMMITTEE" (GAMPAC) will be the guest this Saturday morning, March 13 on the prestigious C-SPAN program "Washington Journal."

Ms. Johnson will be discussing First Amendment issues including civil rights for Atheists, Freethinkers, Secular Humanists and other

"godless Americans," and the role to be played by GAMPAC in the American political process.

Last week, Johnson and others rolled out the new GAMPAC movement at a media conference at the National Press Club in Washington, DC.

The Washington Journal segment is a call-in program airing on the nationwide C-SPAN network. Johnson is in the line up for sometime between 8:00 AM - 9:30 AM [EST = 1300-1430 UT]. Updates will be posted at http://www.atheists.org (American Atheists), http://www.godlessamericans.org (GAMPAC) and http://www.c-span.org For the C-SPAN site, visit the home page and then click on the "Washington Journal" link which will also update times and call-in telephone numbers. The program is usually web streamed as well, so you may click on that link.

(AMERICAN ATHEISTS is a nationwide movement that defends civil rights for nonbelievers; works for the total separation of church and state; and addresses issues of First Amendment public policy.)

To subscribe, send a blank message to aanews-on@atheists.org
(AA Newsletter March 11 via DXLD)

** U S A. AIR AMERICA TO LAUNCH MARCH 31ST

Progress Media's long talked about progressive/liberal talk network will debut on WLIB/New York, WNTD/Chicago and KBLA/Los Angeles as well as on a still to be announced San Francisco affiliate. During a conference call this morning, company CEO Mark Walsh unveiled Air America's new host line-up including (all times ET) Marc Maron, Sue Ellicott and Mark Riley (6-9am), Lizz Winstead, Chuck D and Laura Flanders (9am-noon), The O'Franken Factor with Al Franken and Katherine Lanpher (noon-3pm), Randi Rhodes (3-7pm), So What Else Is News? with Marty Kaplan (7-8pm) and The Majority Report with Janeane Garafolo and Sam Seder (8-11pm). Air America president Jon Sinton reports overnights will be covered for now by repeats of Franken and Garafolo's shows. As previously announced, Robert F. Kennedy Jr. will host a new weekend program on the network, with other Saturday and Sunday hours covered by repeats of weekday shows as well as, "other original programming to be announced soon." Although hourly newscasts will be provided "live" by Air America's New York-based news staff, all of the network's talk shows will air "live" in the eastern time zone but be delayed to their respective dayparts on affiliates in other time zones (radioandrecords.com via Brock Whaley, DXLD) More:

** U S A. PROGRESS MEDIA`S AIR AMERICA RADIO NETWORK TO LAUNCH MARCH 31, 2004
http://www.centralairmedia.com/index.php?option=content&task=view&id=26&Itemid=38

Talent, Programming Schedule and Inaugural Markets Announced for National Network

New York, March 10, 2004 ñ Air America Radio, a progressive talk radio network, announced today it will hit the airwaves on March 31st.

``Air America Radio is launching in the top U.S. markets with leading talent that will provide compelling and entertaining programming on the radio, on satellite feeds, and on the web,`` said Mark Walsh, Chief Executive Officer of Air America Radio. ``We aim to build an important new media franchise that delivers results.``

The network`s on-air personalities represent today`s top political and popular satirists, commentators and activists. Comedian, and best selling author Al Franken, who was recently taken to court when Bill O`Reilly and Fox News were seeking an injunction to halt distribution of ``Lies and the Lying Liars Who Tell Them: A Fair and Balanced Look at the Right,`` and is known for fact-based, drug-free satire, will host a weekday show on the network called ``The O`Franken Factor.``

``I`m so happy that Air America Radio will be on in three battleground states, New York, Illinois and California --- no wait --- those aren`t battleground states. What the hell are we doing?`` said Franken.

Air America Radio has signed actress and comedienne Janeane Garofalo, hip hop icon Chuck D, radio personality Randi Rhodes, and political humorist Sam Seder to join Franken at the network. Environmental activist Robert F. Kennedy, Jr., ``The Daily Show`` co-creator Lizz Winstead, and business-of-the-media analyst on the public radio program ``Marketplace`` Martin Kaplan will also join the network.

The network has unveiled its current weekday and weekend line-up:

Monday-Friday

Uprising: 6:00-9:00 am

This is a fast paced morning show that will entertain and engage audiences with wit and political satire. It will feature the latest news, offering up to-the-minute interviews with newsmakers, analysis and strong opinions.

Co-Host: Marc Maron Co-host: Sue Ellicott Co-host: Mark Riley

Unfiltered: 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

Air America`s midmorning program is a showcase for conversation about

the political and culture state of the union. Unfiltered introduces listeners to fresh new voices not available in mainstream media.

Co-host: Lizz Winstead Co-host: Chuck D Co-host: Laura Flanders

The O` Franken Factor: 12:00-3:00 pm

Relentless, pure satire, delivered by the leading political humorist of this generation. With his partner, longtime radio host Katherine Lanpher, this will be three hours of fearless barbs, sketches, and interviews with newsmakers and characters who have lived, up until now, only in Al`s fertile imagination. He`s no policy wonk, but this best-selling author and veteran of Saturday Night Live, is devoting his energy to fighting back against rightwing propaganda with hard evidence and facts.

Host: Al Franken Co-host: Katherine Lanpher Producer: Billy Kimball

The Randi Rhodes Show: 3:00-7:00 pm

Randi Rhodes has spent the last 20 years burning up the airwaves in southern Florida with her pointed and provocative brand of talk radio. Combining live interview, call-in and commentary, Randi engages her audience with a passionate presentation.

Host: Randi Rhodes

So What Else is News?: 7:00-8:00 pm

Based in Los Angeles, this is a one-hour program showcasing the intersection of politics, media and popular culture. This program will feature analysis and reports from the presidential campaign, as well as a daily reporters` roundtable on how the news of the day is affected and reflected by the media. Marty will also cover the spinning of the news with a regular segment called ``The Corrections.`` This is also the place to hear the political voice of Hollywood, with celebrity guest interviews from the entertainment industries.

Host: Marty Kaplan

The Majority Report: 8:00-11:00 pm

This program will introduce new, younger voices and opinions, with live guests from the world of politics, the arts and entertainment.

Host: Janeane Garofalo Co-host: Sam Seder

Saturday and Sunday

Air America Radio`s weekend line-up will offer more original programming, like Robert F. Kennedy, Jr. and Mike Papatanio`s ``Champions of Justice,`` a program that brings a fresh and entertaining perspective to talk radio from the top legal and social issues focused minds in the country. Additional programming will include Best-of Air America Radio and Best-of-O`Franken Factor as well as other original programming to be announced soon.

``Air America Radio will be available immediately in top markets across the country, and our distribution channels will continue to expand in the coming months via affiliation agreements with partner stations across the land,`` said Air America Radio President Jon Sinton.

Air America Radio will debut its programming on radio stations WLIB (AM 1190am) in New York, WNTD (AM 950) in Chicago and KBLA (AM 1580) in Los Angeles and a station in San Francisco to be named before launch.

Air America`s partnership with WLIB owner, Inner City Broadcasting Corporation, is a complementary agreement that builds on the goals of each organization ñ to bring new energy and new immediacy to messages, issues and audiences that deserve a place in today`s media marketplace.

``We are excited about the diverse and important voices Air America Radio is bringing to the airwaves, both on our own WLIB signal and others,`` said Pierre Sutton, Chairman of ICBC. ``This strategic partnership allows both companies to combine our resources and deliver relevant messages to a broad and diverse audience. Our talented Mark Riley joins new and exciting co-hosts throughout the broadcast day in multiple major markets to open the airwaves to opinions and entertaining commentary that Americans can hear nowhere else.``

Live streaming of Air America Radio shows, along with show archives, will be available at http://www.airamericaradio.com. Air America Radio is in negotiations with satellite television and satellite radio providers. These national services will allow potential listeners to tune in anywhere in the country. The details of these partnerships will be unveiled soon.

``Our success to date proves what we have known all along: a progressive radio network can be entertaining and engaging while also being a successful business venture. We have made a lot of progress --- and more is to come. We expect to deliver valuable listeners to our advertising partners,`` said Evan Cohen, New York-based investor and

Chairman of the board of Air America Radio. (Air America via DXLD)

** U S A. AT THE FCC, THEY OUGHT TO BE IN PICTURES
By Al Kamen Wednesday, March 10, 2004; Page A27

Some folks at the Federal Communications Commission are having much too good a time these days, at least judging from their Web site. Several of the commissioners have put up a "photo gallery" with favorite pics.

Commissioner Kathleen Q. Abernathy's is low-key, somewhat pedestrian, with photos of her at meetings and such. Commissioner Michael J. Copps's halfhearted few photos are not much better.

Commissioner Jonathan S. Adelstein's gallery, while paltry, shows some promise. There's a picture of him with a beautiful large bird named Harry and an actor from a children's television show. There's one of him at the Georgetown University music summit last year playing what looks like a harmonica with the legendary Lester Chambers of the blues/rock giants the Chambers Brothers. Even donned the dark sunglasses.

But not since the "Star Trek" shrine of former commissioner Rachelle Chong has anyone seen something like Chairman Michael K. Powell's ode to the Greek god Narcissus.

Powell's photo gallery features a splendid variety of shots of him "at the office" and "across the nation." In the latter category we find: "Here I am holding my 'Father of the Year' award presented to me in June 2001 by the National Father's Day Committee."

The "across the world" trio of shots is also interesting. "Here I am at Cambridge College in England," walking around with a couple staffers. "Here I am addressing the British Chamber in London," says another caption. There are 11 shots in the World Trade Center section, mostly focusing on the damaged Verizon headquarters building nearby and Powell's meeting with Verizon officials and employees.

But by far the best section is "fun moments." Here we find excellent photos of Powell with SpongeBob SquarePants, the Nickelodeon character who lives in a pineapple under the sea; another with Diana Ross; then with Aretha Franklin; and one with Donny and Marie Osmond -- showing that no one's musical taste is perfect. And there's one of his senior staff assistants, Dorothy Clingman, with Stevie Wonder.

Clearly too much time on their hands over there. The only one without such a personal photo album is Commissioner Kevin J. Martin. And why is that?

"No particular reason," one of his aides offered. "I guess we don't have a particularly aggressive PR effort."

Well, it's not too late. There's an FCC photographer and webmaster on hand to help (via Mike Cooper, DXLD)

** U S A. 'GILLIGAN' STARTING RADIO STATION AT HOME

CHARLESTON, W.Va. - Bob Denver, who starred in the '60s sitcom "Gilligan's Island," is starting a radio station in his house.

http://story.news.yahoo.com/news?tmpl=story&u=/040309/482/ny10903090321
AP Photo [illustrated]

Denver says he plans to promote West Virginia by creating the station downstairs in his Princeton home.

He wants to broadcast oldies music and radio dramas when he takes to the airwaves within a month. He says the station will reach 100,000 people in southern West Virginia.

"I expect it to have quite a reach," he said. "On Interstate 77, I'll be picking up people all the way into Virginia."

On "Gilligan's Island," a small charter boat was caught in a storm and wrecked on the shore of an uncharted South Pacific island. Denver played the hapless deckhand Gilligan. The series ran from 1964-67.

Denver, 69, says he's surprised by the following "Gilligan's Island" has maintained through reruns.

"I love the letters we get from the children. They say, `My mom and dad said they watched you when they were little. Is that true?' They can't believe their parents were ever little," he said.
--
On the Net: http://www.bobdenver.com (via Brock Whaley, DXLD)

Last week, NET NEWS had the story of CLEAR CHANNEL naming BOB DENVER as BISMARCK Market Mgr., and the "GILLIGAN" jokes were flying on NET TALK. This week, BOB DENVER is planning to launch a new LPFM in the basement of his WEST VIRGINIA home... and, this time, it IS "GILLIGAN." The actor, best known as the hapless castaway on "GILLIGAN'S ISLAND" and work-shy beatnik MAYNARD G. KREBS on "DOBIE GILLIS," says the Oldies and radio drama station, WGAG-LP, licensed to THE DENVER FOUNDATION, INC., will promote WEST VIRGINIA from his PRINCETON, WV home (allaccess.com via Brock Whaley, DXLD) CAPS SIC

** U S A. Obituary: Harry Fleetwood, 86, classical music announcer on WNCN 104.3 New York in the 70s and 80s. Before that, he was on WNBC 660 AM, and probably when it was simulcast on 97.1 FM. A generation of New Yorkers recognized his voice and professionalism. CBS` Charles Osgood described Fleetwood as ``so wonderfully civilized. He just sounded like a very intelligent and gracious sort of man.`` His perfect French permitted him to play host on programs for French and Belgian television. He narrated newsreels and appeared in commercials from Bayer Aspirin to Greyhound. He also made a recording of the Bible. His personal life was largely a mystery. Recalled FM Guide in 1972 that he mentioned a former listener who had moved to Chattanooga and called him regularly at night. He also said a Penelope fell madly in love with him, or was it just with his marvelous French? (FMedia! March via DXLD)

** U S A. Did I miss something when I was taking a nap???? I have a new station on 104.7 in Greeley CO (ten miles down the road) and they are putting out a really strong signal, in Stereo! I was in Greeley this morning on the way to Home Depot, etc., and noticed those cheapy corrugated plastic signs (real estate sign size) on wire stakes, that has a picture of a peg legged pirate and says Pirate FM 104.7. I was on 104.3, so tuned to 104.7 with a super strong signal and playing quite the range of music, everything mixed together, from oldies to modern rock, classic country to doo-wop. They actually ID at the top of the hour!

KELS - 104.7 Greeley Colorado - Pirate Radio FM 104.7 (they mentioned Pirateradio1047.com, but it doesn't go anywhere) They run promos that say they are non-commercial, non-profit. I heard them give a Greeley phone number this evening for their studio, but didn't have a chance to write it down. When I was listening in the car today, they mentioned an email address, but couldn't remember it to write it down later.

What gets me is KNNG Sterling CO is on 104.7 (100 kW), about 75 miles from Greeley. They usually are strong enough to get in a pretty solid Stereo signal. But this 'KELS' is putting out a signal strong enough that KNNG can't even be heard. I would guess they're running several hundred watts.

Does anyone know if this is an LPFM, or just another pirate that's taking their chances on getting caught?

[Later:] After sending the email regarding KELS, I decided to query Google --- I can't believe it --- they actually had a link! http://www.pirate1047.com/

Looks like it is a LPFM after all. Kinda curious what kind of signal

strength they're putting out?? (Jim Thomas, wdx0fbu, Milliken, Colorado, March 3, WTFDA via DXLD)

** U S A. RADIO STATION FACES FCC SOON By DANIEL BARLOW Reformer Staff http://www.reformer.com/Stories/0,1413,102~8860~2012600,00.html

BRATTLEBORO -- The co-founder of radio free brattleboro is scheduled to appear in court Monday morning to hear a complaint against the 10-watt unlicensed radio station brought by the Federal Communications Commission.

But lawyers for the volunteer-run station have filed a motion asking that their injunction order against the FCC also be heard that morning.

Larry Bloch of Brattleboro will be joined by the station's two attorneys -- local lawyer James Maxwell and Washington-based Lawrence Hildes, a lawyer with the National Lawyer's Guild Center for Democratic Communications -- at the hearing Monday morning.

The FCC suit against the station, filed on Feb. 17 at the U.S. District Court of Vermont, asks the court to order the shutdown of the station for broadcasting without a license.

Four days earlier, Maxwell filed papers asking the court to block the FCC from seizing the station's equipment -- a common tactic used by the federal agency in shutting down pirate stations.

However, because the FCC is a government entity, it had 60 days to respond to rfb's complaint, as opposed to the 20 days the station had to respond to the commission's filing.

In court documents filed earlier this week, Maxwell argued that since both cases revolve around the question of whether rfb can broadcast without FCC authority, the cases should be heard simultaneously.

"Thus, while rfb is seeking the court's protection from the FCC's desire to shut it down, the FCC has the advantage of a shorter time line and has obtained an expedited hearing on its complaint," Maxwell wrote. "Today, rfb moves to consolidate these mirror-image actions and requests an expedited hearing on its own complaint for injunctive relief, so that both sides' arguments may be heard together."

On Thursday, Maxwell said it is not clear if the judge in this case -- Judge J. Garvan Murtha at Brattleboro's district court -- will respond to the motion before Monday's hearing. David Kirby, a U.S. Attorney in Burlington representing the FCC, also responded that it was not clear if both cases will be heard Monday.

Operating for five years from a downtown apartment, rfb was shut down last summer by the FCC for broadcasting without a license. The station returned in late August at the new frequency of 107.9 FM and sought to show that the town's residents were its authority to broadcast.

Since then the station has accumulated a petition with more than 2,000 signatures of local residents and a resolution of support for community radio from the Brattleboro Selectboard. Last week the town's voters expressed support for the station by a 2-1 margin.

Previous court cases between pirate stations and the FCC centered around First Amendment issues -- but lawyers for rfb are planning to argue that the FCC is not fulfilling its statutory mandate by offering a license for small 10-watt community radio stations.

"Indeed, here is an opportunity for the FCC to fulfill its mission; instead, the agency is spending taxpayer dollars shutting down and effectively placing a ban on micro radio," Maxwell said in a court filing this week. "This is an abuse of discretion and a contravention of the agency's statutory mandates."

The focus of the FCC's argument, said Kirby, is that the station is illegal and breaking the law by broadcasting without a license or other authority from the FCC.

"The station must have a license to broadcast," said Kirby. "Not a referendum from the voters at town meeting and not authority from the town's legislative body."

The FCC is also contending that the station, by ignoring the broadcasting rules, is causing "irreparable harm" to the government.

"Unlicensed broadcasting threatens the integrity of the regulatory structure established in the communications act to prevent chaos in the radio spectrum," wrote FCC engineer Victor Tagliaferro in a recent court filing. "The regulatory effectiveness of the (FCC) ... would be impaired if the agency could not take meaningful action to stop unlicensed broadcasting."

"It could harm the use of the radio spectrum," explained Kirby. "We can't have various pirate stations broadcasting all over the dial ... there has to be some control."

Lawyers for rfb plan to argue the opposite: that the FCC is causing "irreparable harm" to the community by trying to shut down the station.

The phrase is nothing more than "boiler-plate language" used by the FCC, wrote Maxwell in a document filed this week. Instead, he wrote, this is an opportunity for the commission to fulfill its mandate to create new licensing opportunities for small stations such as rfb.

"Our job isn't to undermine the government," Maxwell said on Thursday. "Instead, it's the FCC that is abusing its authority by not providing licenses."

Maxwell said a common misconception of rfb is that the station doesn't want a license. It does, he insisted, but the lowest level of license currently offered by the government is 100-watts.

Last year the FCC announced that rfb had been blacklisted from ever getting a license because the station was broadcasting illegally.

"Rfb would love to get a license but there are no licenses available for them," said Maxwell. "And for a town the size of Brattleboro, a 10-watt license is the right size."

On the Web: http://www.fcc.gov and http://www.rfb.fm (via Artie Bigley, DXLD)

** U S A. IOWA CITY RADIO PROTEST OVER FCC PENALTIES (1630)
http://www.kwwl.com/Global/story.asp?S=1706428

As the House of Representatives passes a bill stating any TV or radio station violating indecency standards can be fined as much as $500,000, an Iowa City radio station is protesting what they call a witch hunt. Walking down the narrow hallway of 1630 KCJJ and looking into the studio you'll see there's no one there. It's an all day protest. They're not playing any programming or music. "There is a threat to our programming and to everyone else's programming by people that are screwing around with the first amendment," says station owner Steve Soboroff. Although there's no one sitting at the microphone the needles are still bouncing. Instead of regular programming KCJJ is broadcasting a handful of recorded blasts at the FCC over and over again. "E-mail the FCC and tell them thanks, but no thanks we can parent our own children," blares the monitor from the empty studio. Senator Charles Grassley and other lawmakers say they owe it to the public to clean up the airwaves. Soboroff says what the government and the FCC is trying to do is a violation of first amendment rights. "Senator Grassley doesn't have the authority to dictate our content anymore than any of those Congress people that are holding this witch hunt." Part of the repeated broadcast was the reading of every Federal Iowa lawmakers address and phone numbers. Either way you feel about the issue, KCJJ is encouraging you to contact your lawmakers (via Artie Bigley, DXLD)

** U S A. Murphy is working double overtime --- Scratch both tests (both WNNR 970 and WVOJ 1570) [Sunday March 14, 0500-0600 UT] - The audio file for the test did not stay in the Enco system, I just found out from the station. I am going over to re-record the audio, but the production/scheduling guru has already left work for the weekend.

Monday I will re-do the programming, have the production/scheduling guru, Jennifer X verify the file made it / is available in the system, and report back Monday evening through this forum. Tentative re-schedule is Sunday March 21, 2004 Midnight to 1 AM eastern.

Sorry for the change of plans/errors. I regret the turn of events of what was to be an interesting event this weekend. Sincerely, (Ron Gitschier, Jacksonville, FL, March 12, NRC-AM via DXLD)

This is what happens when you depend on anyone or any thing else to accomplish something at a radio station, especially if out of the ordinary. If I were running a DX test I would be there in person to make sure everything worked as planned (Glenn Hauser, OK, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

** U S A. WDTN 2 to return to NBC

It took 21 years and the near-collapse of the ABC network --- but WDTN 2 in Dayton OH is going back to NBC on or around April 1, when NBC's contract with WKEF 22 expires. WKEF is expected to take the ABC affiliation for Dayton. I have no hard evidence to back this up, but I suspect this won't be the last ABC affiliate we see try to flee that sinking ship in the months to come.

As we approach the summer skip season, that makes THREE affiliation changes to note on channel 2 since last year - KDTN 2 Denton TX from PBS to Daystar religion and KTWO-TV 2 Casper WY from NBC to ABC (with a few months of Pax along the way, but they'll make the ABC flip in a couple of weeks) are the other two (Scott Fybush, NY, WTFDA via DXLD)

** U S A. KPLC tower collapses --- That would be channel 7 in Lake Charles, Louisiana - and, yes, it was another tower with DTV construction work going on. They were just taking down the old 1600-footer that had been replaced by a brand-new tower right next to it when both went down yesterday. Nobody was hurt. KPLC says they'll put a low-power transmitter at their old old tower downtown this weekend and rebuild the 1600-footer this summer.
http://www.kplctv.com/Global/story.asp?S=1690245&nav=0n4JLJP0
s (Scott Fybush, NY, march 5, WTFDA via DXLD)

** VIETNAM. Schedule da Voz do Vietnam !!! Caros amigos, Recebi hoje

correspondÍncia do Departamento de Emisiones para el Exterior da R·dio A Voz do Vietnam onde me enviaram um cart„o de Feliz Ano Novo e a programaÁ„o de emissıes em espanhol que apresento em seguida: Um abraÁo, (Adalberto Marques de Azevedo, Barbacena, Minas Gerais, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

R·dio La Voz de Vietnam
58 Quan Su - Hanoi - Vietnam
Tel: (84-4) 9.342.894
Fax: (84-4) 8.255.765
E-Mail: btdn.vov @ hn.vnn.vn
Web Site: http://www.vov.org.vn

PROGRAMACION DE LAS EMISIONES EN ESPANHOL PARA A EUROPA Y AMERICA LATINA Vigente a partir del 26 de octubre del 2003

Hora UTC	Banda	FrequÍncia	Nota
0300-0330	49 m.	6175 KHz [via CANADA]	Dirigida principalmente ‡ America Central
1100-1130	31 e 41 m.	9730 KHz e 7100 KHz	-.-
2000-2030	31 e 41 m.	9730 KHz e 7100 KHz	-.-

OBS: Em Hanoi, se puede escucharla diariamente a las 1800 e las 1830 [same 1100 UT broadcast] en la frecuencia de 101,50 KHz [sic] (via Adalberto, PY4WTH, DXLD) 7100?? Didn`t the Intruder Watchers get them to move away from that? (gh, DXLD)

** YEMEN. Glenn: R. Yemen, 9779.70: heard on 03/12/04 with program of music and talking, and audited from 0311 through 0350. Extremely weak signal at tune-in with female voice performing an odd sounding middle eastern chanting or song; signal faded but occasionally snatches of speech with male voice were heard above the whistly, grinding background noise. By tune-out around 0347-50, music was much more distinct, consisting of a solo instrumental performance of very exotic music on what must be the Yemeni equivalent of an aulos: immediately identifiable as NOT being Asian or Chinese, so that I could rule out the co-channel prospect, Qinghai Peoples' Broadcasting Service. Have not heard R. Yemen in about a year; last heard with English language program. Tonight's program suspected to be in Arabic but signal quality was not satisfactory for concluding that precisely. Heard best on my 107 M. NE-SW dipole; signal dropped almost to inaudible on my E-W dipole. Best, (Steve Waldee - retired broadcast station CE, San Jose, CA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Try the other English hour scheduled at 1800 on 9780, and remember sometimes their other(?) transmitter is used, slightly above the frequency (Glenn Hauser, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

UNIDENTIFIED. Re: 3330 unID. My first opinion - it was Russian ham operator, speaking Russian names (first letter in name is - a LETTER) and numbers. More info later. 73, (Feodor Brazhnikov, http://www.irkutsk.com/radio via Steve Waldee, DXLD)

Glenn: I tried to do some research on Google about ham radio in Russia. None of the links that came up in English, including ITU and ARRL, gave me any reason to understand WHY a ham operator *anywhere* would be using the 90 M band, usb. It doesn't make sense unless they just screw around there with no fear of any objections. All I know about ham radio is the stuff that the traditionalists put out -- the ARRL types -- so it may be that I am naÔve and uninformed. But certainly there shouldn't be hams using usb in the 90M band, when it is conventional to use lsb in the 80M band! Do you have any experience with hams departing from convention in other countries? I imagine it is likely, but have no data (Steve Waldee, CA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

I don`t think licensed hams would be found anywhere in the world on such a frequency; anybody else could do it and take their chances, but here`s another explanation (Glenn Hauser, DXLD)

Hi Glenn, this station is definitely not Moscow Meteo. I consulted Rimantas Pleikys who is regularly monitoring Russian utility stations and after listening to the files he writes: "It is a Russian military station with a training exercise, containing 5-letter groups in Russian phonetic alphabet. Reading in portions: from "434 till 450", then follows seventeen 5-letter groups, etc. Repeat of several unintelligible groups on demand of the receiving station." 73s, (Bernd Trutenau, Lithuania, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

Fascinating! Can we now expect to tune in to set our watches to WWV, and hear "cinco...diez...ocho..." in the background, ad infinitum? Let's not tell Arnie. Actually, I *have* heard Spanish in the background of WWV-10, as has been noted by other listeners, though certainly not number groups. But nothing under CHU before (Steve Waldee, CA, DX LISTENING DIGEST)

~~~~~~

PUBLICATIONS
++++++++++++

DX Humor - BLANDX

Greeting. I did a search for SPEEDX (old club and newsletter), and found a web empire where SPEEDX exists today hosted by Sir Don of Moore. If you do a search through the "more articles" section you will discover a rarity. Selected articles from the infamous parody BLANDX!
~~~~~~

MY sides are in tortuous pain from reading only four articles of BLANDX!!!! God help me when I read the rest! IF you are feeling a little down go to SPEEDX, and then to the BLANDX articles, and you laugh your way to good health despite the tears and pains in the sides!!!!! BLANDX RULZ!!!!!!! (Terry Klasek, IRCA via DXLD)

SHORTWAVE GUIDE CANCELLED Re:

Gentlemen, I wonder if we could look at this as more of an opportunity than a setback. Allow me to explain: Is there possibly enough support for publishing it in electronic form (PDF or web)? Think about it, if you already have the information compiled and tabulated, it costs virtually nothing to share the information with the shortwave and DX communities electronically. The alternative, not sharing it, means the information stays "locked up" somewhere and absolutely nobody benefits from that. The upside for you, of sharing, is the huge amount of mindshare and good will it will expose the WRTH publishers to, maintaining, even generating sales of the paper publications.

Also, as a physically disabled DXer and WRTH customer since 1979, who increasingly finds the published WRTH difficult and cumbersome to handle, any information coming out electronically from such a reputable and respected publisher such as your company would be a godsend. Sincerely, (Earl Higgins, St. Louis, MO, USA hcdx via DXLD)

Well, I have nothing to do with the WRTH any more, but you are missing a vital point: WRTH is a commercial publication, not a free service. So such a thing would have to be done on subscription, and then you'd be back with the same problem - not enough people would pay. Electronic publishing would also not be appropriate for huge parts of the world such as Africa and much of Asia. Think about it: Passport to World Band Radio, which sells the vast majority of its print run in the US, has not moved across to electronic publishing. Larry is a very technical guy as well as an astute businessman. Doesn't that tell you something? (Andy Sennitt, ibid.)

UNSOLICITED TESTIMONIAL
++++++++++++++++++++++

Hi Dear friend Glenn Hauser. On your station every Saturday from 9 to 9:30 am UT via WRN Channel 627, WorldSpace AfricaStar II, I`m very glad to hear Glenn Hauser because I discover many stations` frequencies and news around them. You give large information for the radio. I`m member of the World Radio Network number 7098. I saw your address inside the network. Your information is true because I use it to catch many radio services. I wish you happy New Year. I love you all. I`m come from Mali in West Africa. I like so much radio and its history. I start to listen to short wave more than 20 years [ago].

Thanks to WRN I correspond regularly with many internationales radios. Take more courage for your job. We will listen to you. If there are some copies about radio history, DX program, etc., send to me. I like Glenn Hauser`s sticker, member photos, etc. Thank you so much (Abdoul Karim Camara, Riyadh, Sa`udi Arabia, 29 Feb via airmail)

PROPAGATION
++++++++++++

FERNANDO GARCÕA`S TROPO TVDX FROM MONTERREY, NUEVO LEON

The Spanish version still works and has all of the great tropo photos:
http://www.angelfire.com/biz4/tropotvdx/
For those who don't know: Fernando lives in Mexico, and he holds the *distance* record for most UHF TV channels (Danny Oglethorpe, Shreveport, LA, WTFDA via DXLD)

THE K7RA SOLAR UPDATE

SEATTLE, WA, Mar 12, 2004 -- As expected, conditions weren`t bad last weekend for the ARRL International DX Contest (Phone). Solar flux and sunspot numbers didn`t rise, and geomagnetic indices remained stable. Average daily sunspot numbers dropped from the week before (February 26 to March 3) by nearly 24 points, and average daily solar flux was about the same, down by slightly more than two points.

On March 9, Earth passed into a solar wind, and geomagnetic indices rose. For March 9-11 the planetary A index was 21, 40 and 26, the mid-latitude Fredericksburg A index was 11, 36 and 17, and the high-latitude (Alaskan) college A index was 42, 47 and 61. This meant that at mid latitudes HF bands were probably usable on March 9 and 11 but not on March 10. In Alaska, however, the bands probably sounded dead. This was no doubt the case for KB7MBI and AL7FS over the past few days.

Alan Dujenski, KB7MBI, near Seattle, and Jim Larsen, AL7FS, in Anchorage, have been comparing QRP logs and are frustrated by the lousy propagation of late in Alaska. Alan wrote to ask about Alaskan propagation and commented that his friend Jim often hears nothing on HF frequencies.

This propagation --- or lack of it -- is normal for Alaska, at least when geomagnetic conditions are active or stormy. Those magnetic lines of force converge toward the poles, and all that energy gets concentrated, yielding polar cap absorption. The convergence and concentration was intense enough this week that aurora was visible down into northern parts of the ``Lower 48.``

Over the next few days geomagnetic conditions should settle down. Predicted planetary A index for March 12-15 is 20, 15, 10 and 8. Solar flux should drop down to around 100 by the beginning of the week (Monday, March 15).

We are moving toward spring propagation conditions, with the vernal equinox about a week from now. Currently a large sunspot, number 570 is moving into the center of the visible solar disk, directly facing Earth. It is a possible source of flares. A holographic image of the sun`s far side shows a modest sunspot group, which may visit us before the end of the month.

Sunspot numbers for March 4 through 10 were 53, 55, 61, 53, 55, 40 and 56, with a mean of 53.3. The 10.7 cm flux was 97.5, 106.7, 104.5, 106.1, 107.8, 108.7 and 112.6, with a mean of 106.3. Estimated planetary A indices were 7, 8, 5, 6, 6, 21 and 40, with a mean of 13.3.

Copyright © 2004, American Radio Relay League, Inc. All Rights Reserved (via John Norfolk, DXLD) ###